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Mr. J. F. C. Hyde, Jr.
Office of Assistant Director
for Legislative Reference
Office of Management and Budget
Washington, D. C. 20503

Dear Mr. Hyde:

This is in response to your request for our views on the State Department's position to S. 1397, a bill "To amend the United States Information and Educational Exchange Act of 1948."

S. 1397 is so broadly stated that all U. S. assistance, direct or indirect, to the information programs of foreign governments would have to be terminated and none could be undertaken in the future.

The bill would adversely affect certain classified activities which this Agency is carrying out pursuant to requirements levied upon this Agency by higher authority. I will be pleased to discuss this further with you should you so desire.

For these reasons, this Agency objects to the bill and supports the position of the State Department.

Sincerely,

[Redacted Signature Box]

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